

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of notifying an exception client associated with a payor financial institution of an exception item, said method comprising:

receiving a presentment check file at a computing system, said presentment check file including presentment information related to checks presented by multiple payees to a payor financial institution for payment;

receiving a payor check file at the computing system from an exception client, said payor check file including check information relating to checks written by said exception client;

comparing said presentment check file with said payor check file implementing a processor of the computing system thereby producing an exception file including at least one exception item; and

sending said exception client an e-mail notifying said exception client of said at least one exception item.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

generating a Web file from the exception file, said Web file including exception information relating to said at least one exception item; and

generating an address for said Web file;

wherein said e-mail includes said address.

3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

generating an image of said exception item; and

wherein said Web file includes said image.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein the step of comparing~~
~~further includes the step of~~ further comprising performing a scrubbing process to determine
whether said exception item is a true exception item.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising causing said address to
expire at a predetermined time.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 2, further comprising sending a
simple mail transfer protocol notice to said payor financial institution when said exception
client accesses said Web file.

7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said sending includes sending said e-
mail across a network.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2, wherein said e-mail includes a hyperlink to said
address.

9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said method is used in an exception
item notification system and said method further comprises:

comparing said at least one exception item with a database of clients of said exception
item notification system; and

sending said e-mail only when said exception client is a client of said exception item notification system.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of notifying an exception client associated with a payor financial institution of an exception item, said method comprising:

receiving a presentment check file at a computing system, said presentment check file including presentment information relating to checks presented by multiple payees to a payor financial institution for payment;

receiving a payor check file at the computing system from an exception client, said payor check file including check information relating to checks written by said exception client;

comparing said presentment check file with said payor check file implementing a first processor, thereby producing an exception file including at least one exception item;

generating a Web file implementing a second processor, said Web file including an image relating to said exception item;

sending said exception client an e-mail notifying said exception client of said at least one exception item; and

generating an address for said Web file;

including wherein said e-mail address includes a hyperlink to said address in the e-mail.

11-26. (Canceled)